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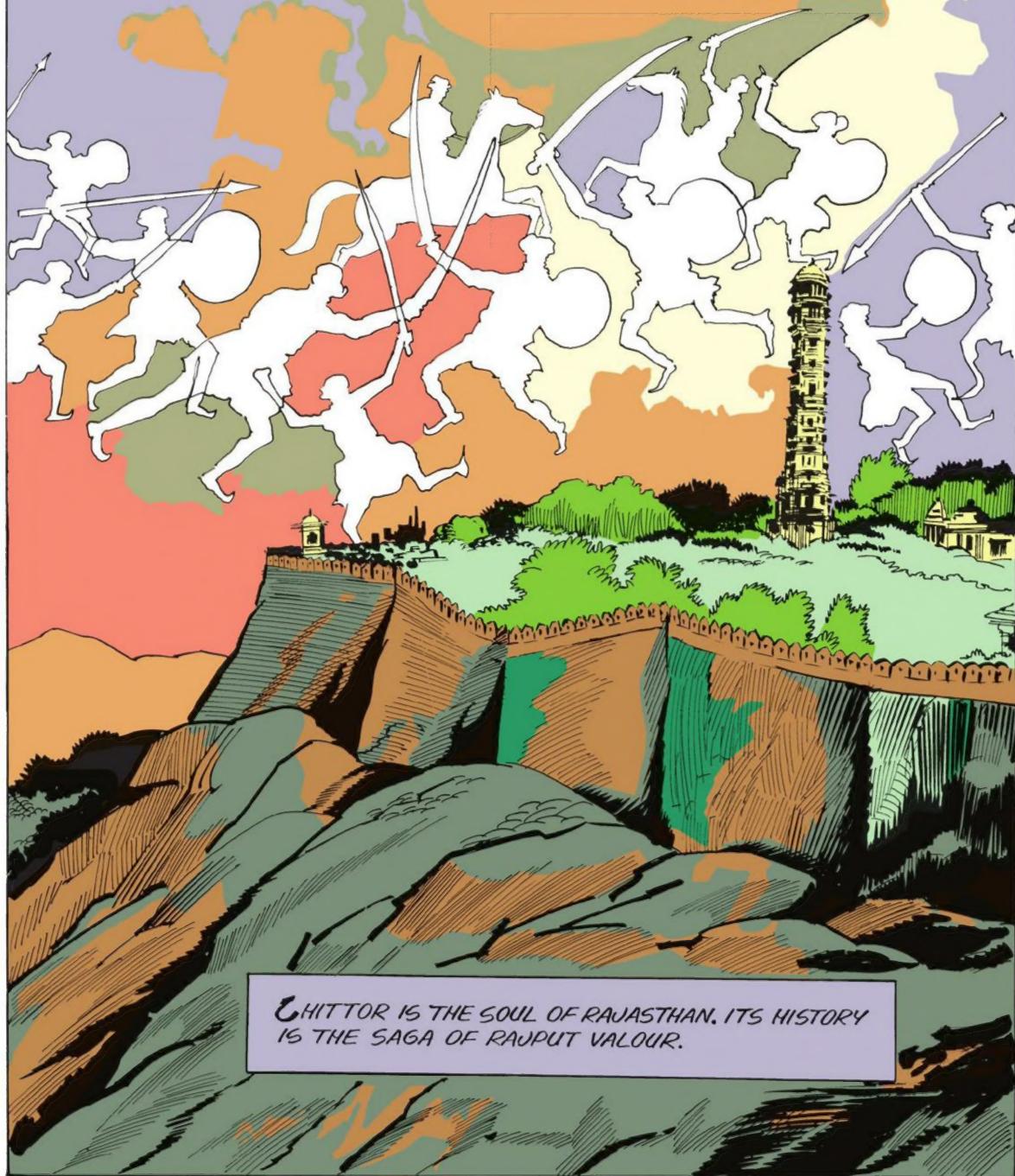
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CHITTOR IS THE SOUL OF RAJASTHAN. ITS HISTORY  
IS THE SAGA OF RAJPUT VALOUR.

RAJA RATNASEN, A VALIANT RULER OF CHITTOR  
WAS ALSO A LOVER OF MUSIC.



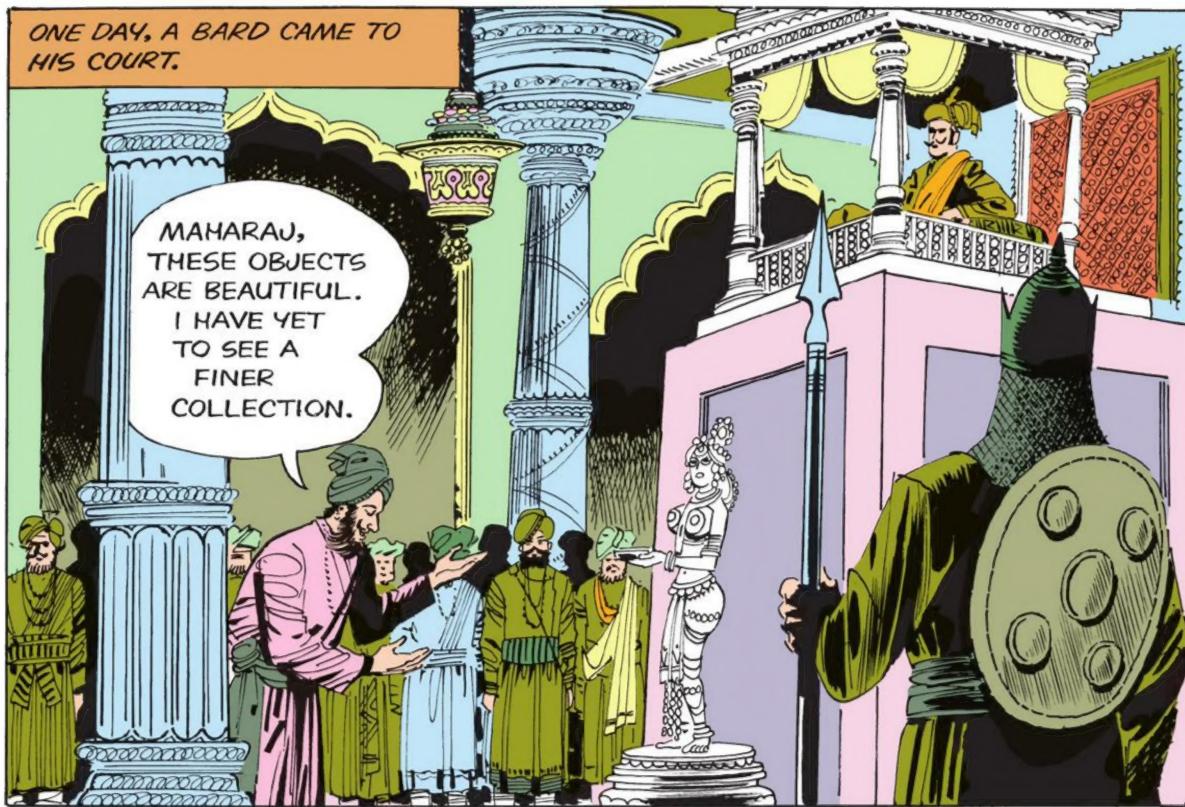
HE WAS ALSO A LOVER OF BEAUTY AND FINE-ARTS.

BEAUTIFUL!  
THIS CALLS FOR  
A HANDSOME  
REWARD  
FROM ME.

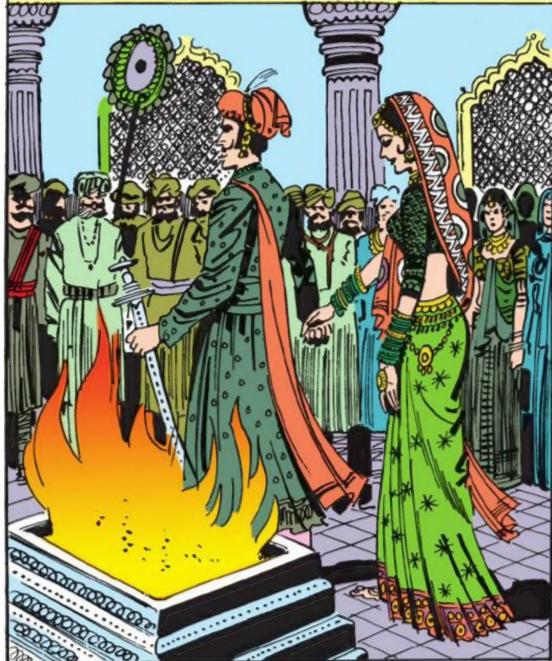
YOU ARE  
VERY KIND,  
MAHARAU.



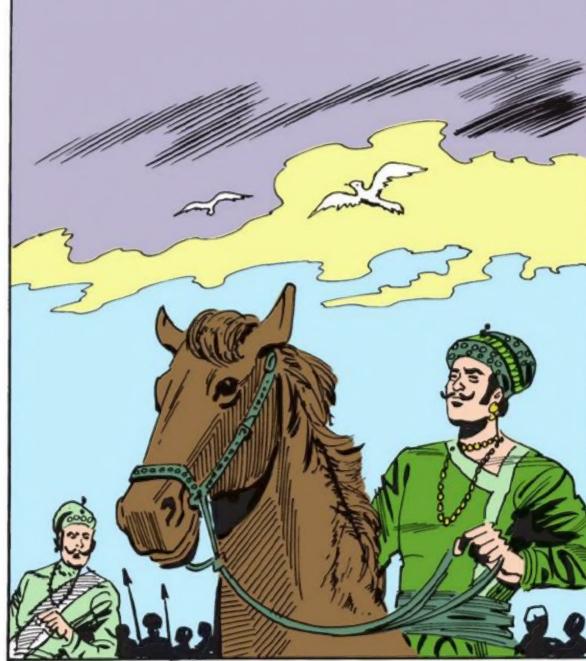
ONE DAY, A BARD CAME TO HIS COURT.



DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE BARD'S ACCOUNT OF PADMINI, RATNASEN WENT TO SINHALA AND MARRIED HER.



ON THEIR JOURNEY BACK TO CHITTOR, PADMINI'S RELATIVES, GORA AND BADAL, ACCOMPANIED THE BRIDE.



SOON KING RATNASEN WAS BACK IN THE COURT OF CHITTOR.

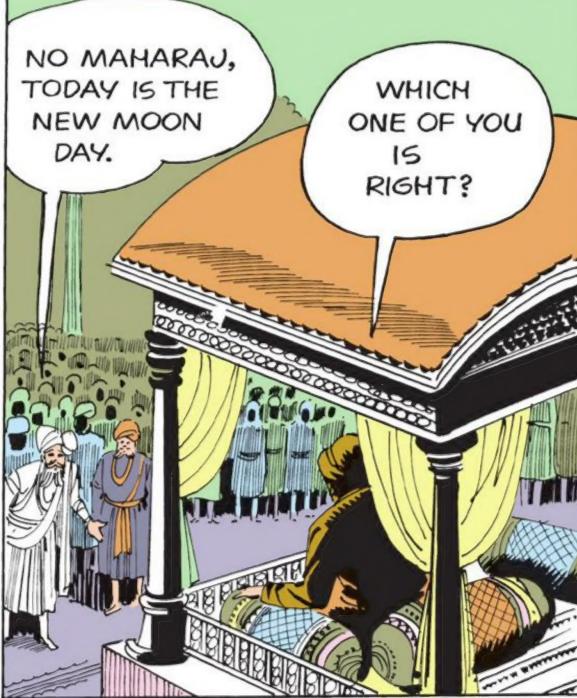
LONG LIVE  
MAHARAJ RATNASEN!  
LONG LIVE  
MAHARANI PADMINI!



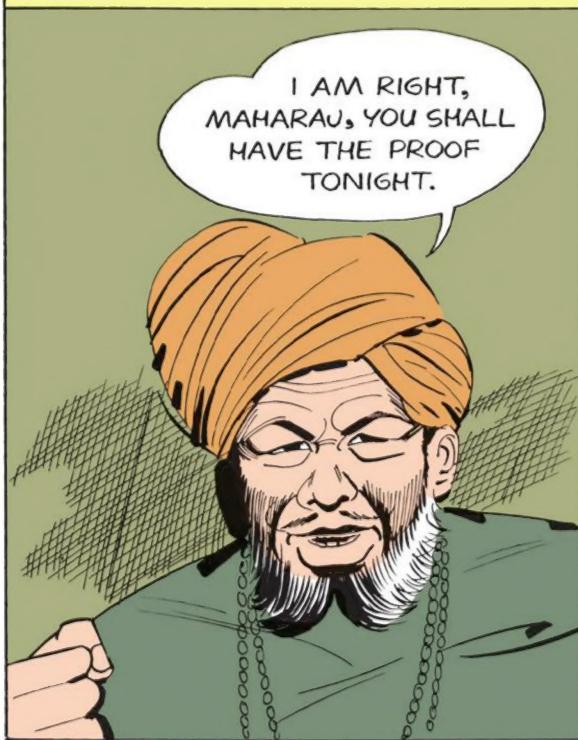
AMONG RATNASEN'S COURTIERS WAS A SCHOLAR NAMED RAGHAV CHETAN. ONE DAY—



BUT RAGHAV CHETAN HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN HIS CALCULATIONS.

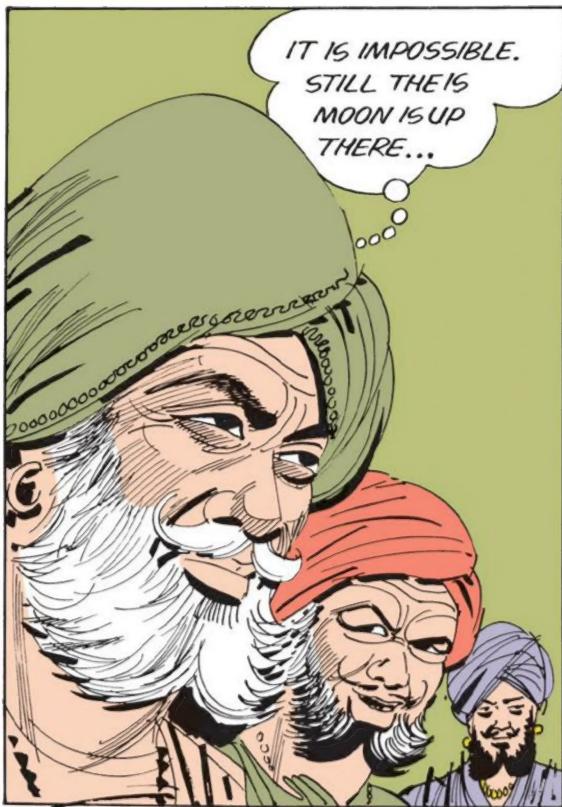


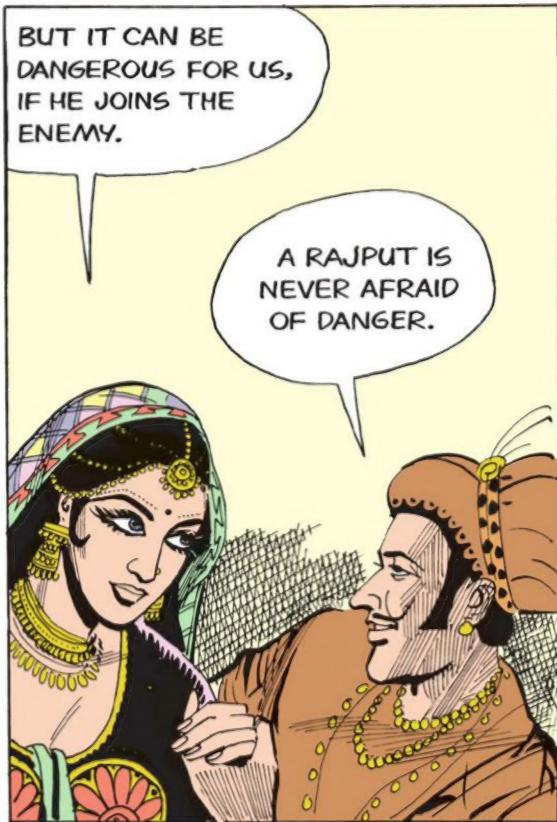
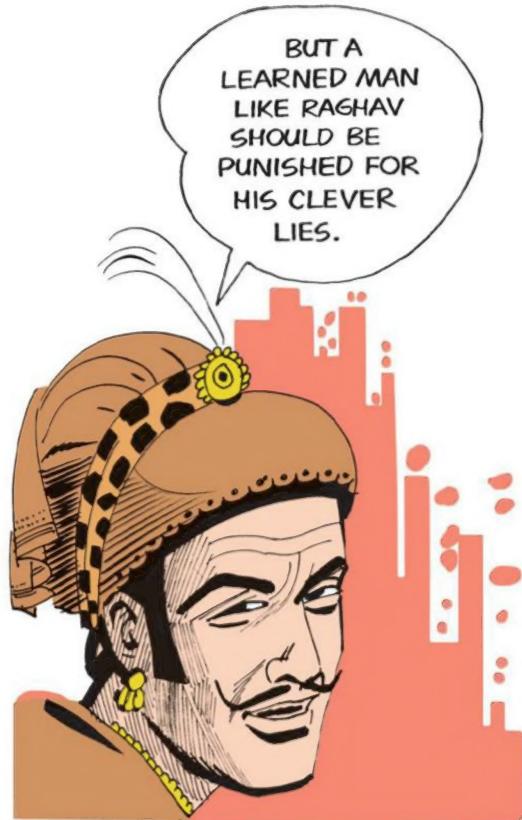
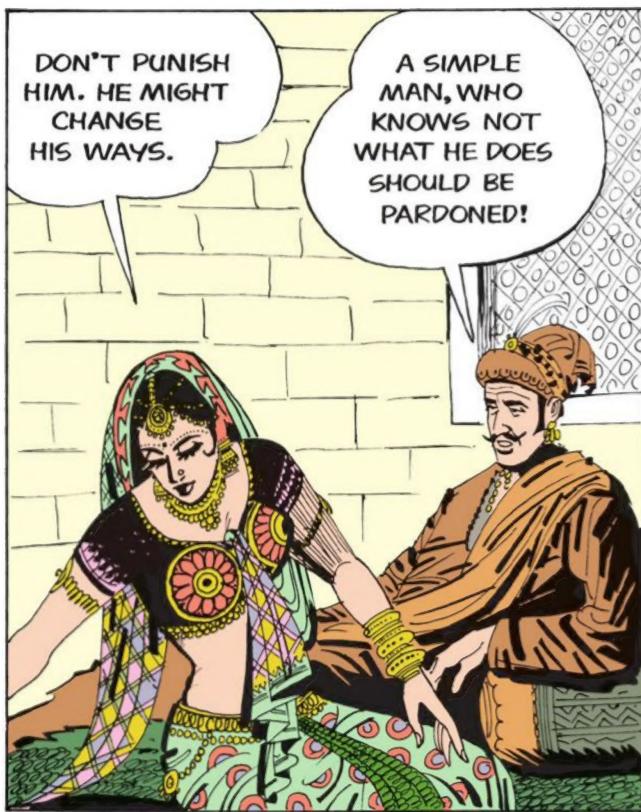
BEING A STUBBORN MAN RAGHAV DID NOT ADMIT HIS MISTAKE.

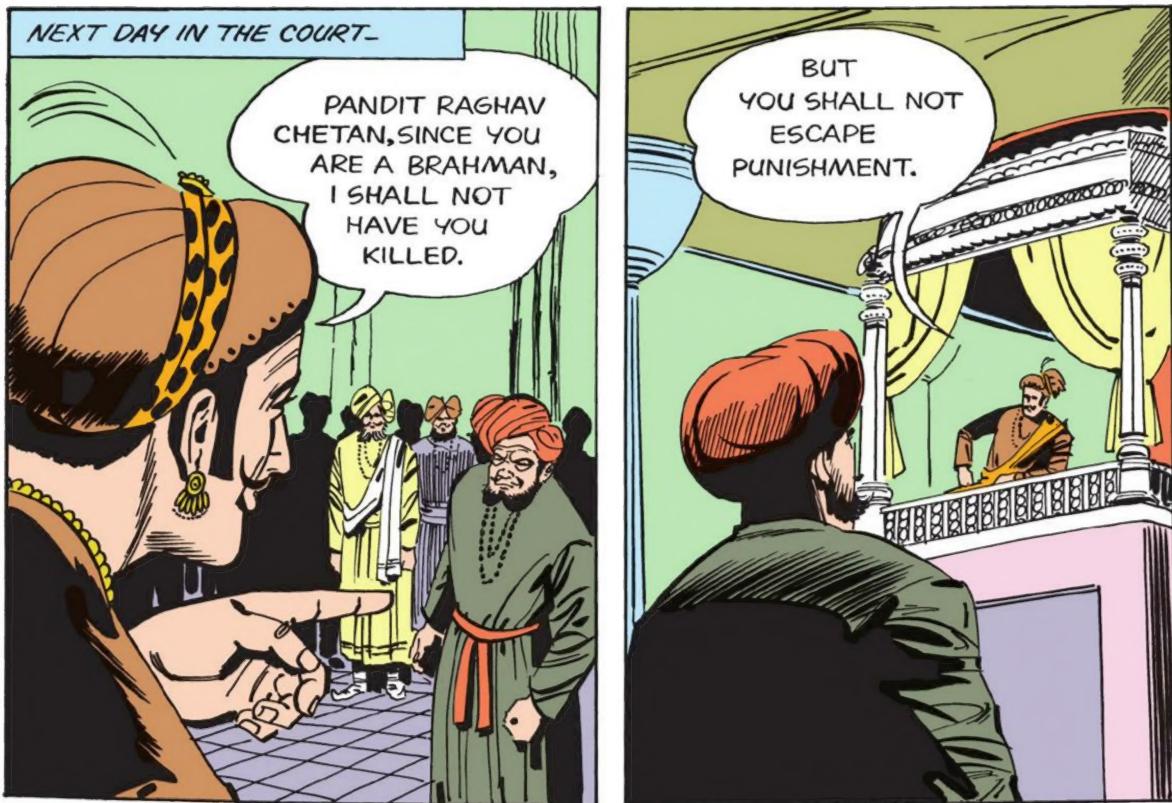


THAT NIGHT RAGHAV USED HIS SORCERY AND—

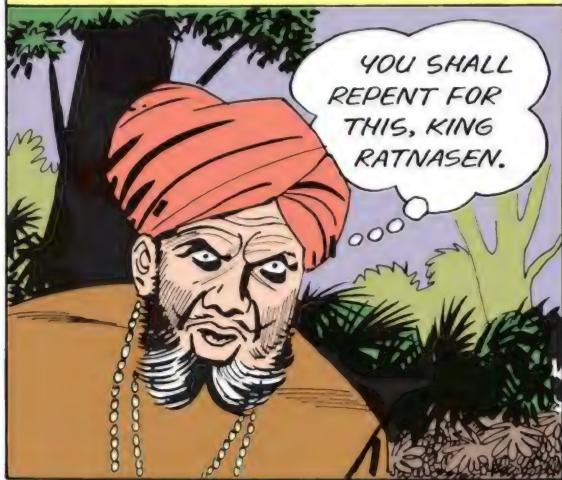








RAGHAV CHETAN, THEN PROCEEDED TOWARDS DELHI THROUGH JUNGLES.



ALA-UD-DIN, THE SULTAN OF DELHI, WAS HUNTING IN THE SAME JUNGLE.



SUDDENLY A MELODIOUS TUNE FILLED THE JUNGLE AIR.



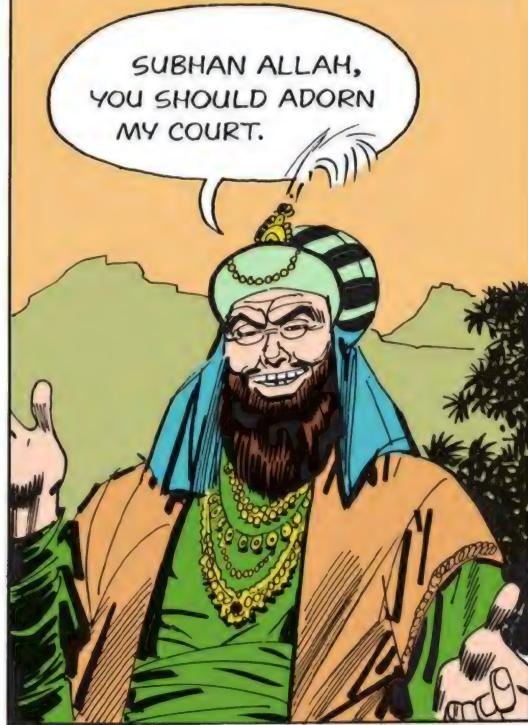
THE HERD OF DEER RAN IN THE DIRECTION FROM WHICH THE MUSIC CAME. FASCINATED, ALA-UD-DIN FOLLOWED THE DEER.



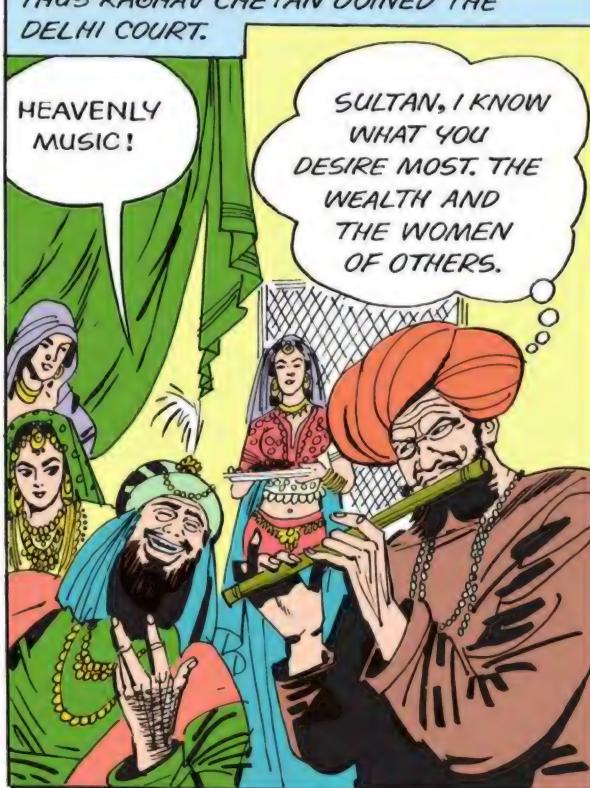
THE DEER STOPPED IN FRONT OF RAGHAV PLAYING HIS FLUTE. THEY WERE HYPNOTISED. SO WAS THE SULTAN.



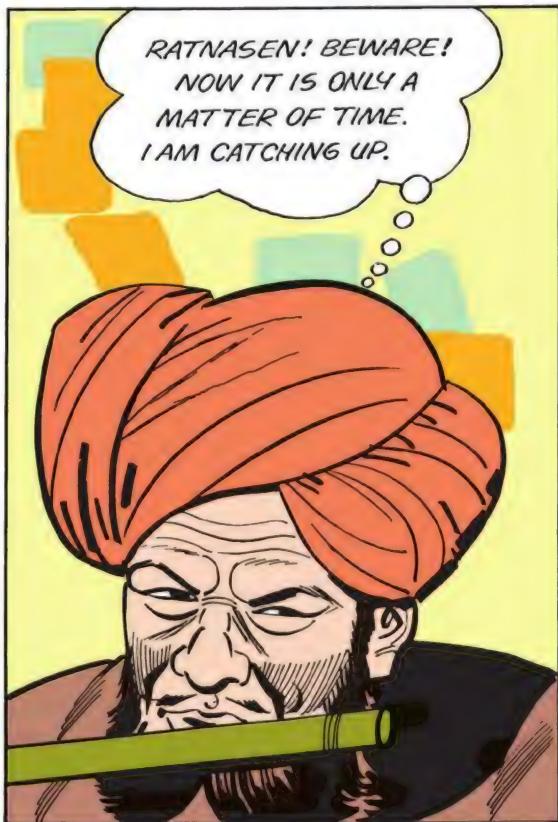
HE HAD NEVER HEARD SUCH MUSIC.



THUS RAGHAV CHETAN JOINED THE DELHI COURT.



RATNASEN! BEWARE!  
NOW IT IS ONLY A  
MATTER OF TIME.  
I AM CATCHING UP.



ONE DAY A HUNTER PRESENTED A RABBIT TO THE SULTAN.

THERE CAN BE NOTHING MORE DELICATE THAN THIS CREATURE.

YOU ARE WRONG, SULTAN.

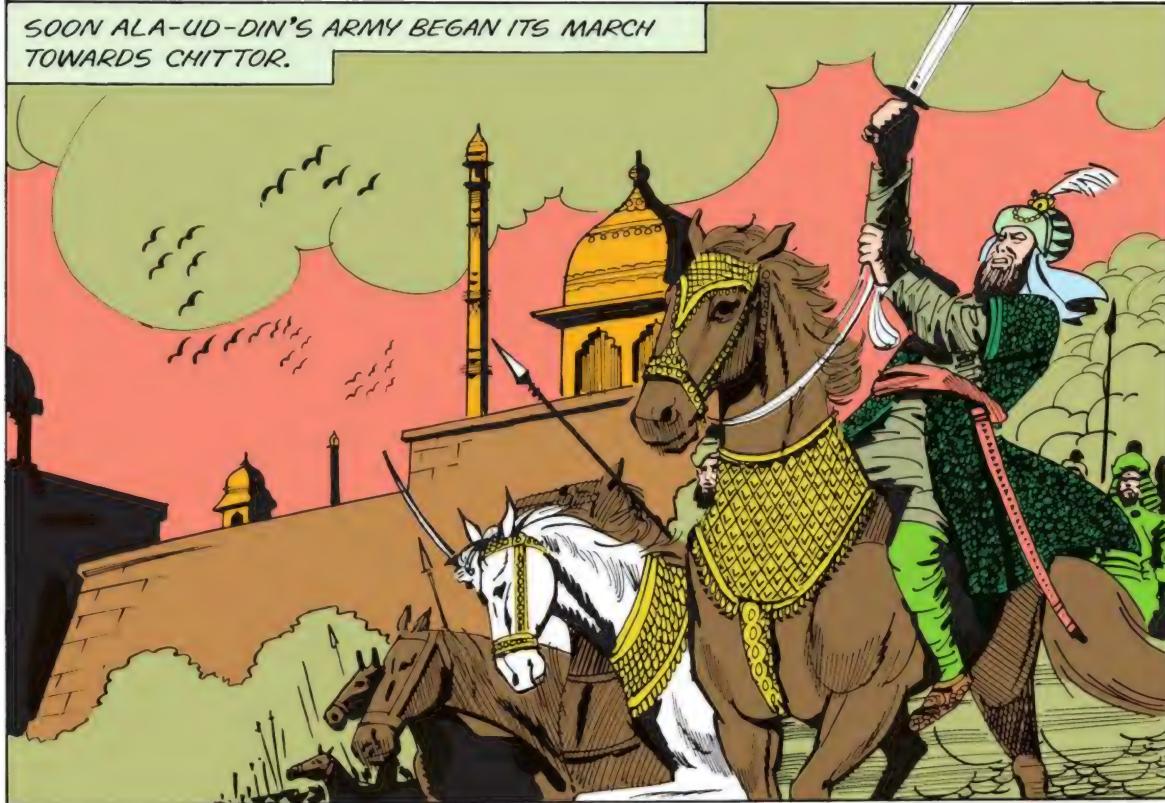
PADMINI, THE QUEEN OF CHITTOR IS. SHE IS THE MOST DELICATE AND BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THIS WORLD.

ARE YOU SURE? I HAVE TWO THOUSAND EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL BEGUMS. SURELY PADMINI CAN'T BE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ALL OF THEM.

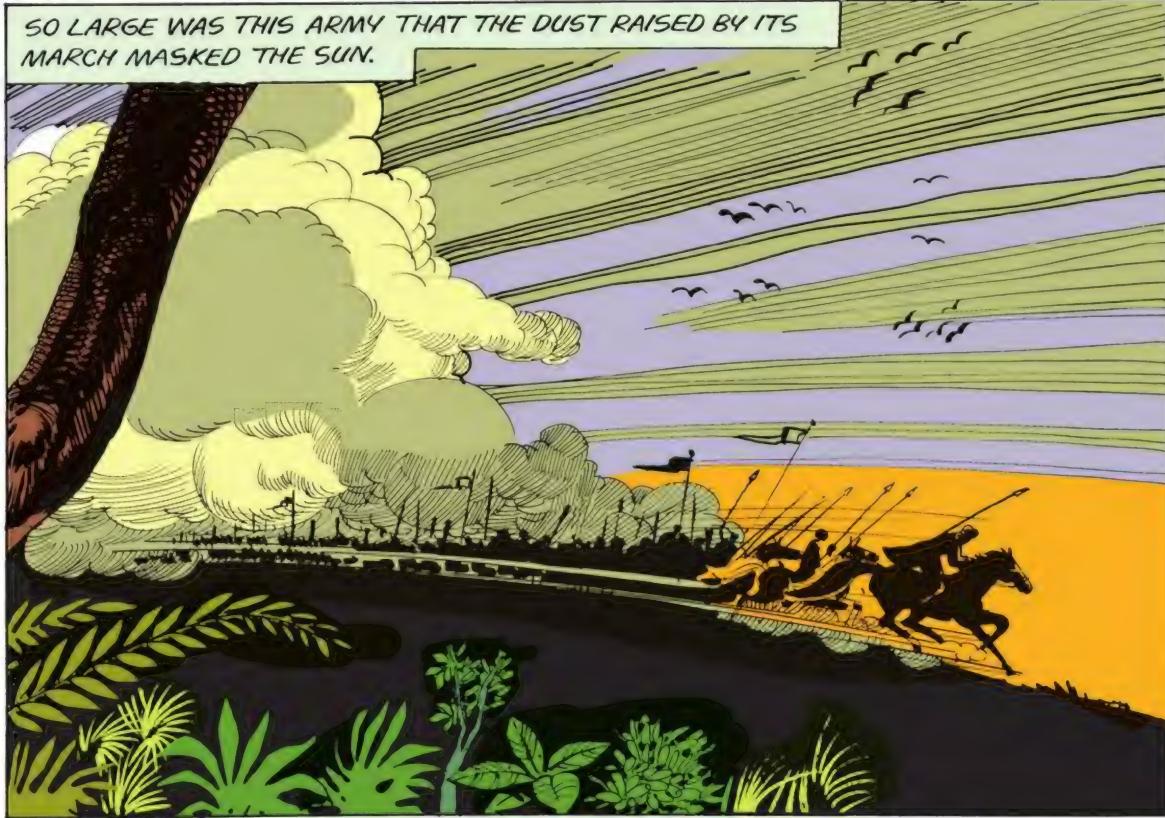
NO SULTAN, I INSIST THAT PADMINI IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD.



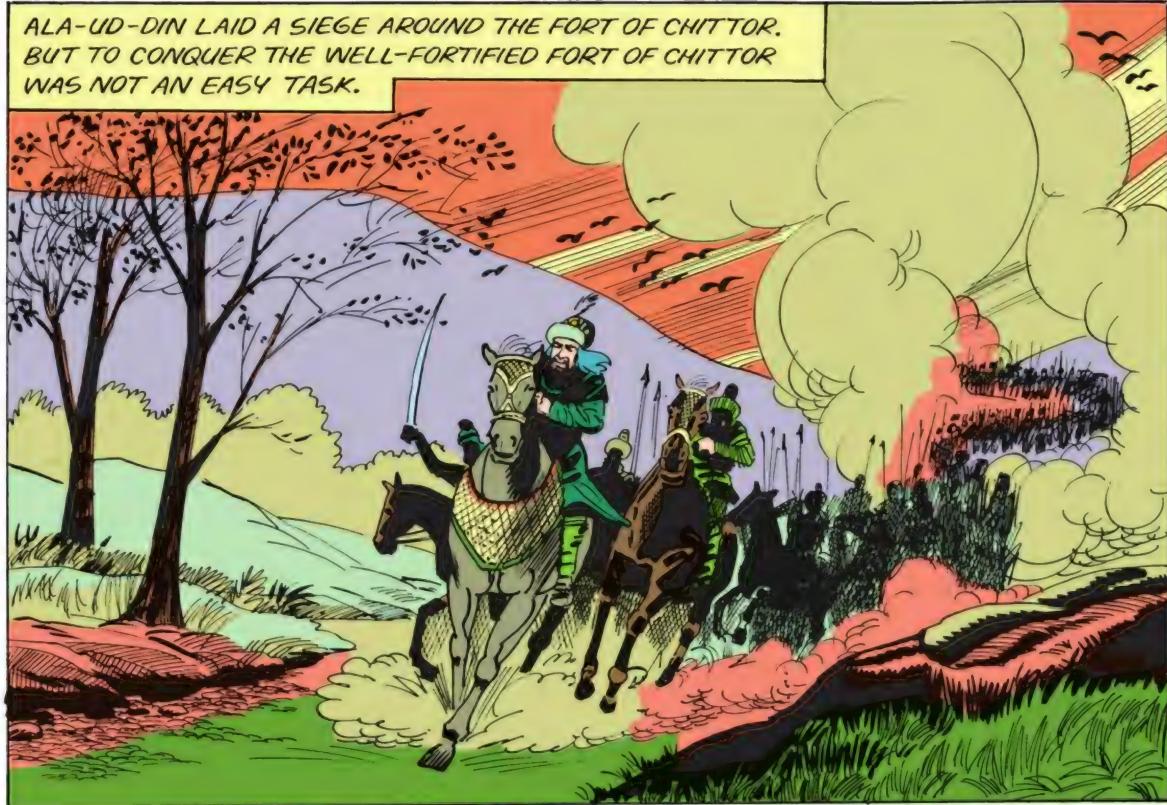
SOON ALA-UD-DIN'S ARMY BEGAN ITS MARCH TOWARDS CHITTOR.



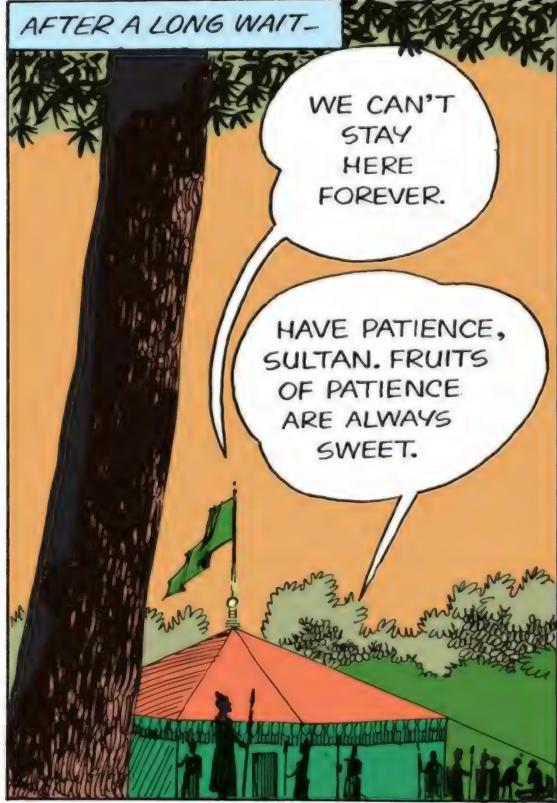
SO LARGE WAS THIS ARMY THAT THE DUST RAISED BY ITS MARCH MASKED THE SUN.



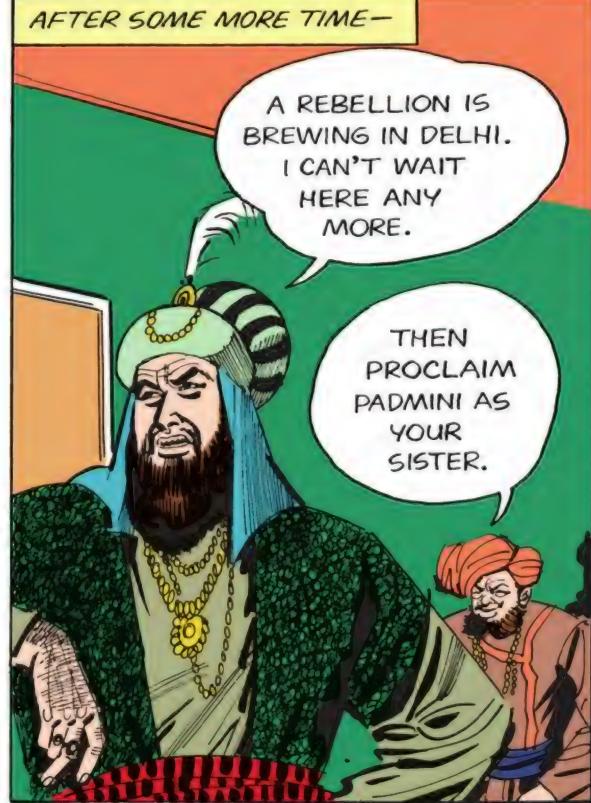
ALA-UD-DIN LAID A SIEGE AROUND THE FORT OF CHITTOR. BUT TO CONQUER THE WELL-FORTIFIED FORT OF CHITTOR WAS NOT AN EASY TASK.

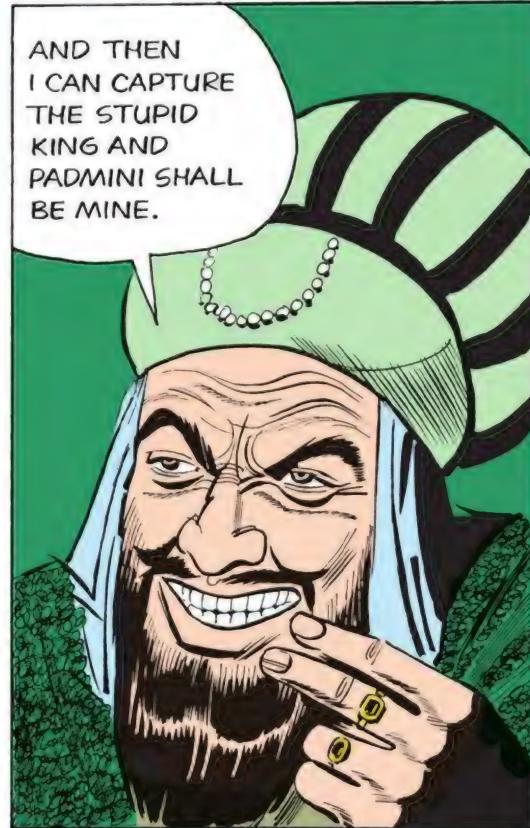
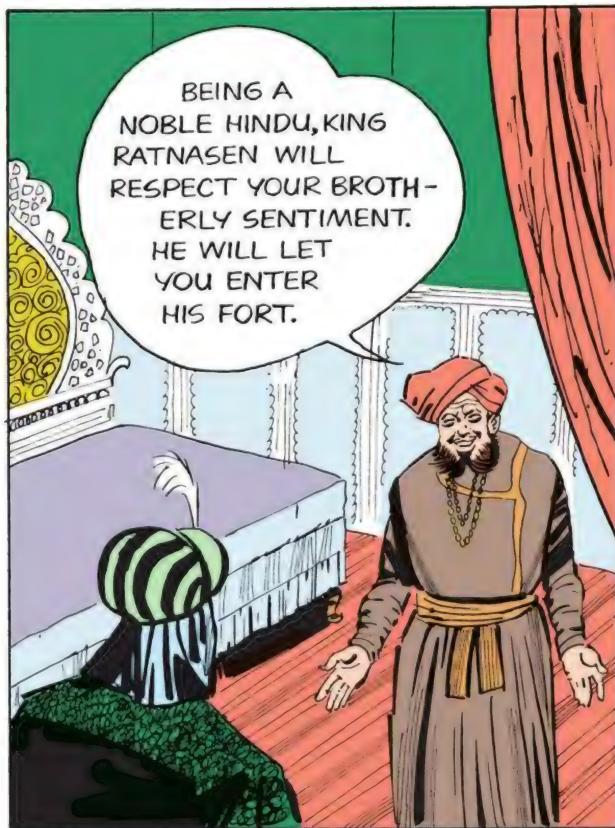
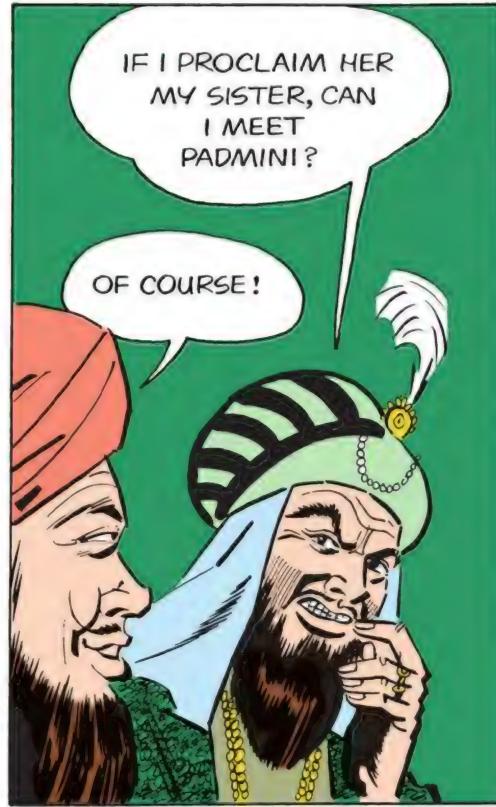
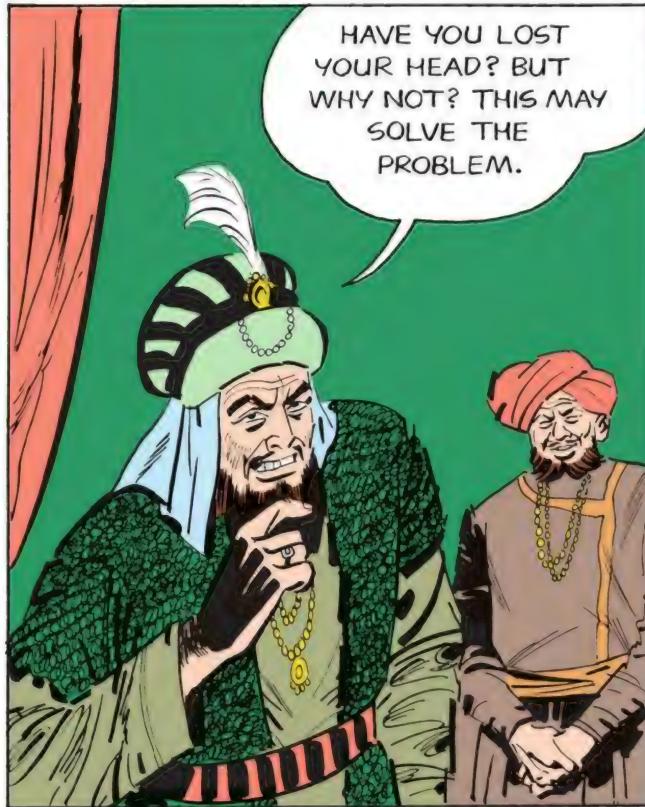


AFTER A LONG WAIT—



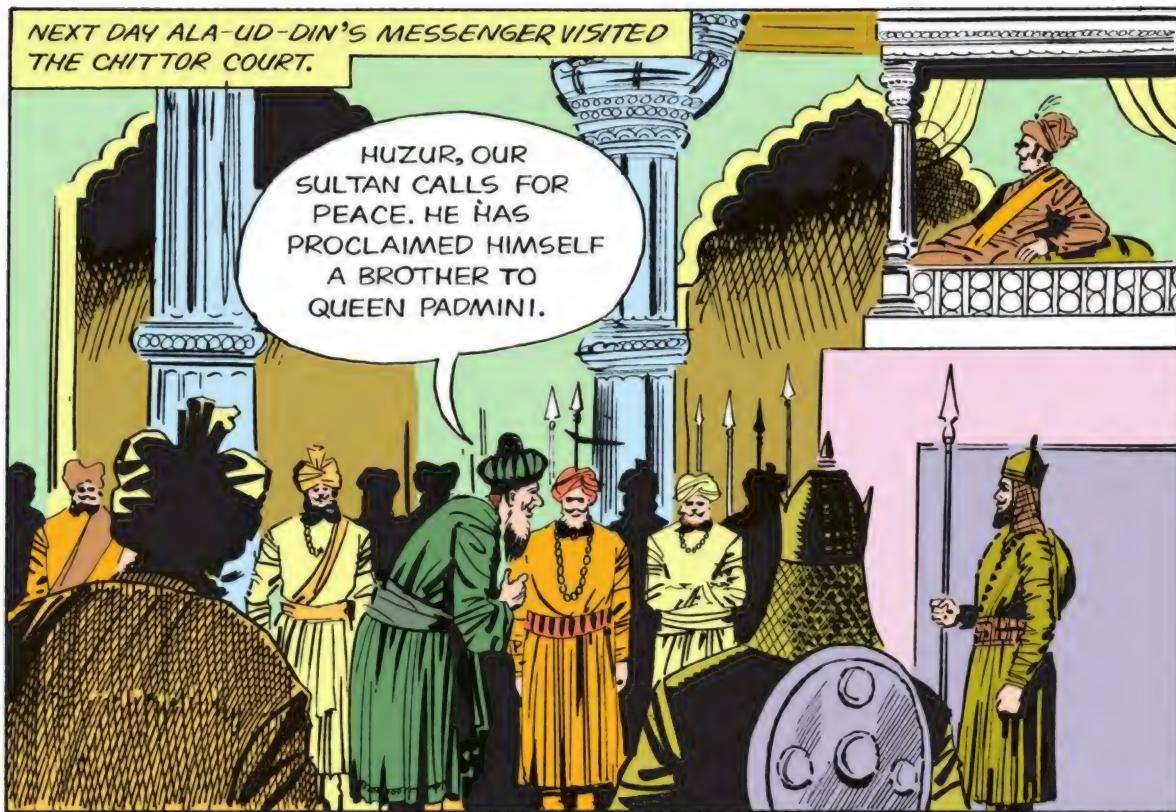
AFTER SOME MORE TIME—





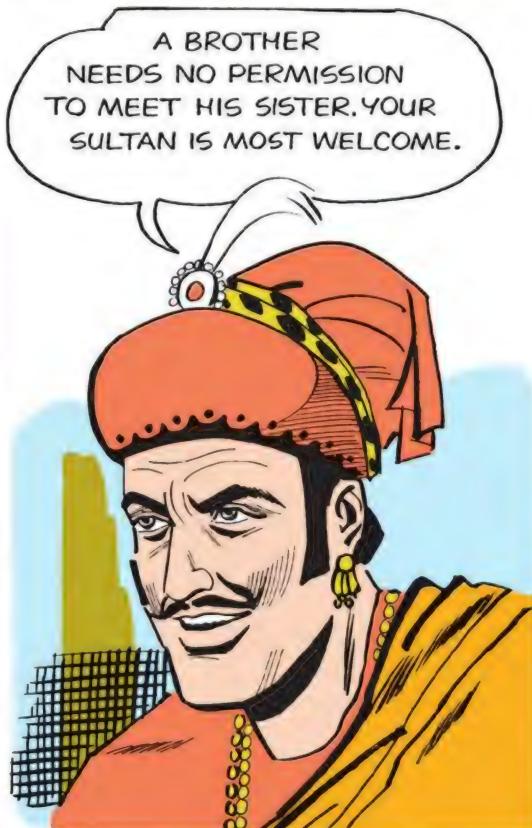
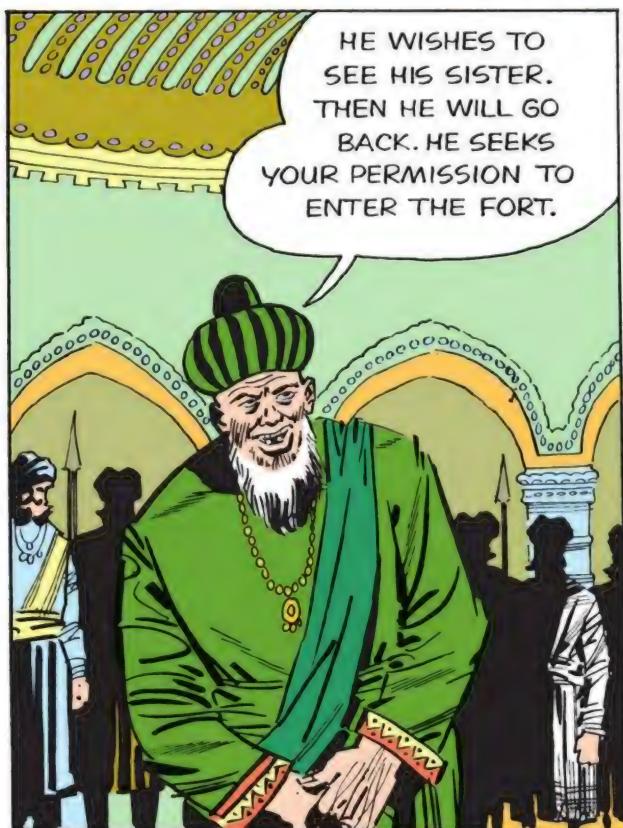
NEXT DAY ALA-UD-DIN'S MESSENGER VISITED THE CHITTOR COURT.

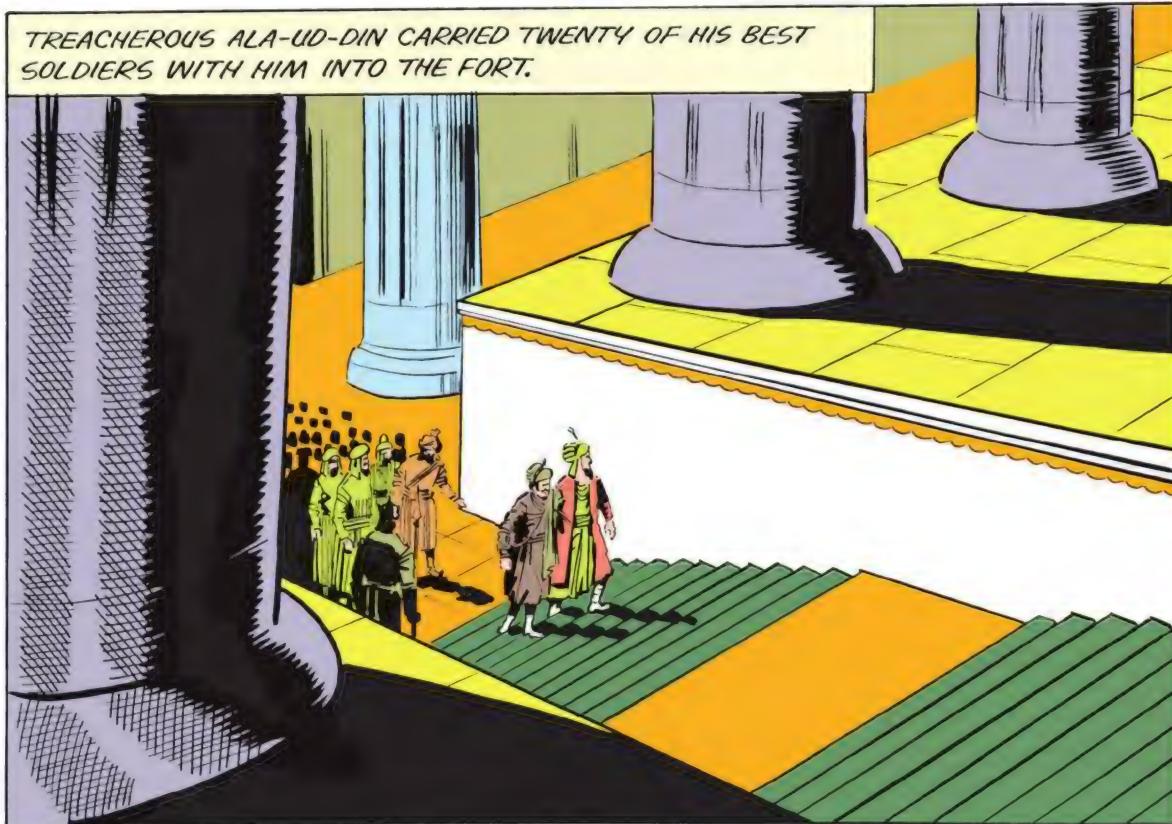
HUZUR, OUR SULTAN CALLS FOR PEACE. HE HAS PROCLAIMED HIMSELF A BROTHER TO QUEEN PADMINI.



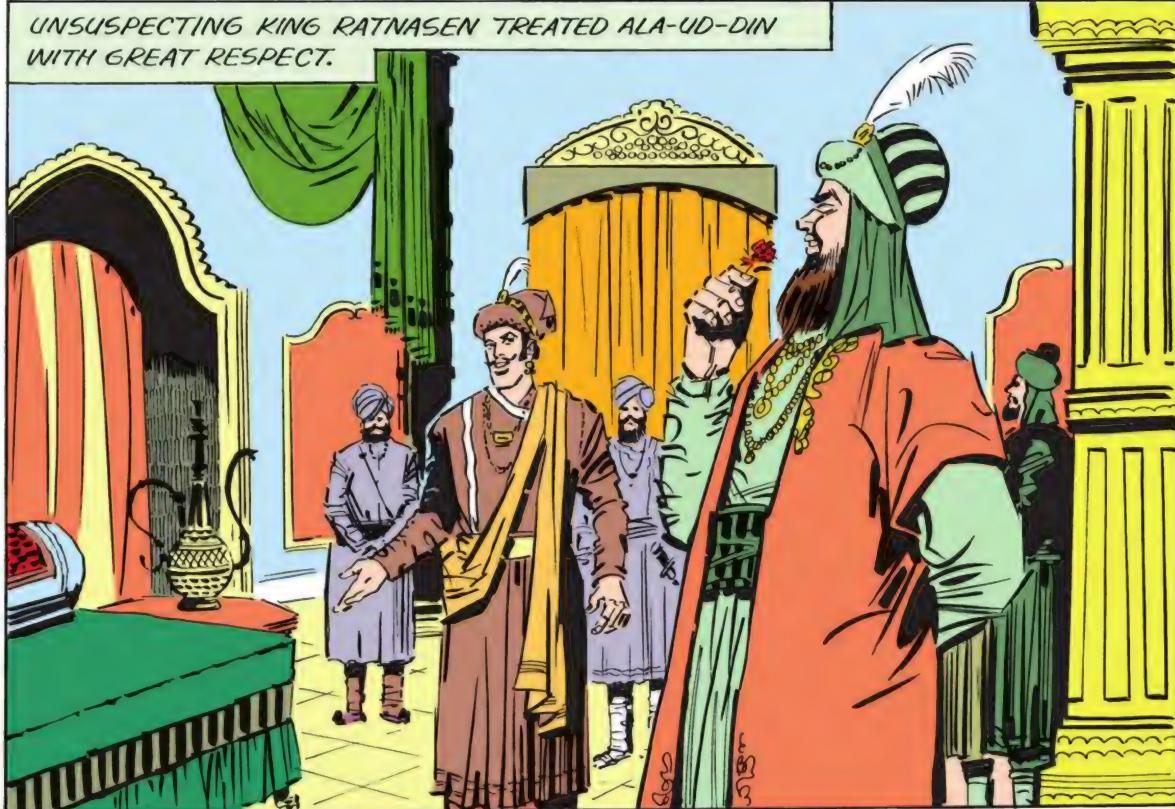
HE WISHES TO SEE HIS SISTER. THEN HE WILL GO BACK. HE SEEKS YOUR PERMISSION TO ENTER THE FORT.

A BROTHER NEEDS NO PERMISSION TO MEET HIS SISTER. YOUR SULTAN IS MOST WELCOME.





UNSUSPECTING KING RATNASEN TREATED ALA-UD-DIN WITH GREAT RESPECT.

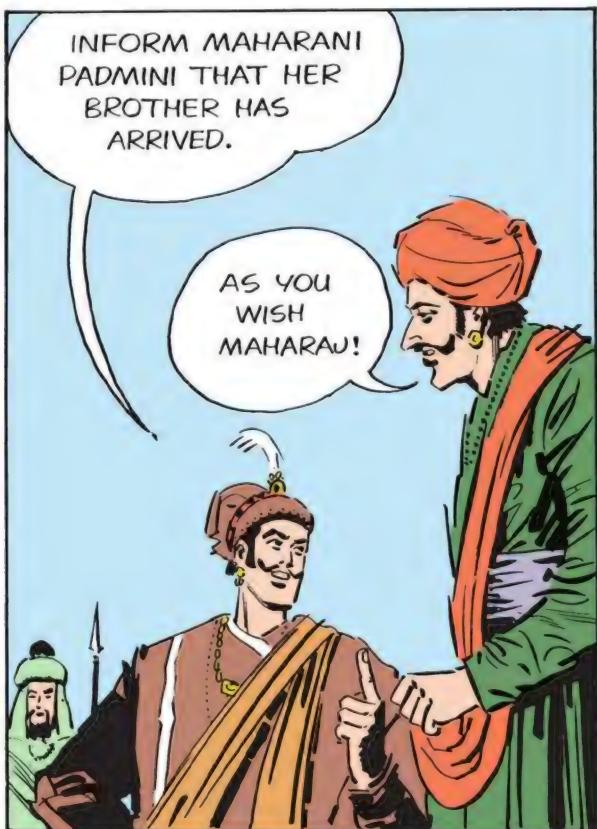


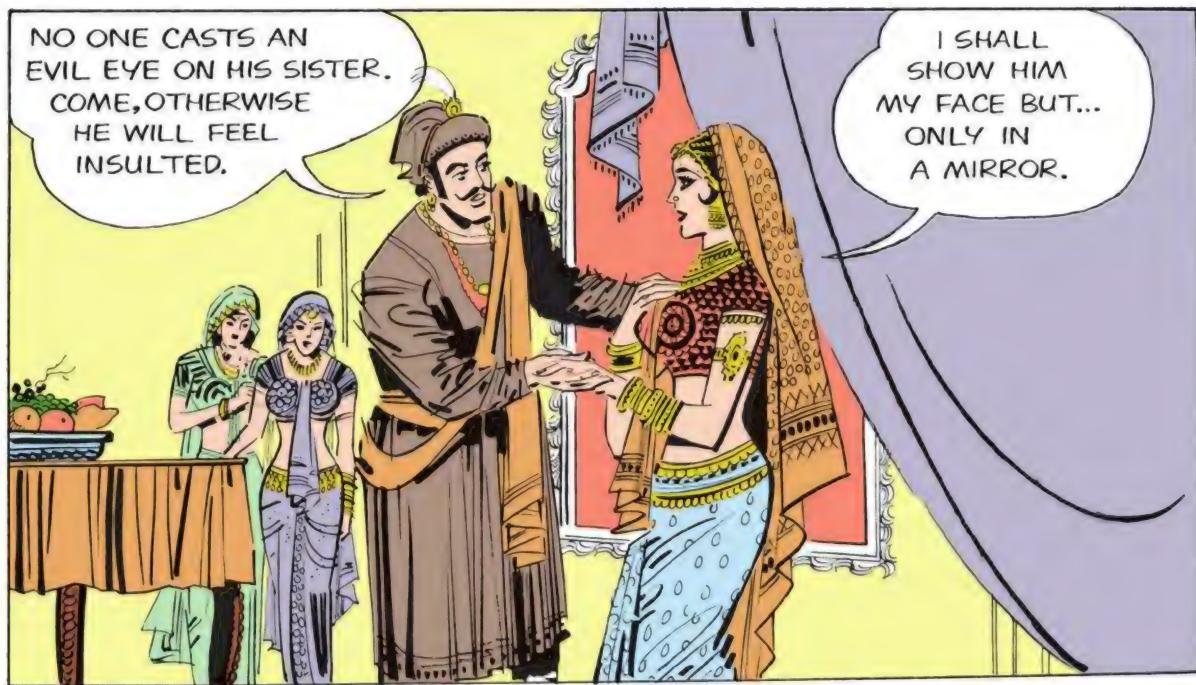
INFORM MAHARANI PADMINI THAT HER BROTHER HAS ARRIVED.

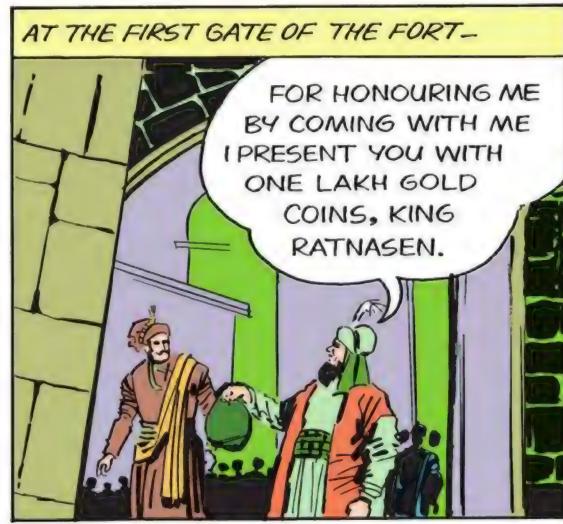
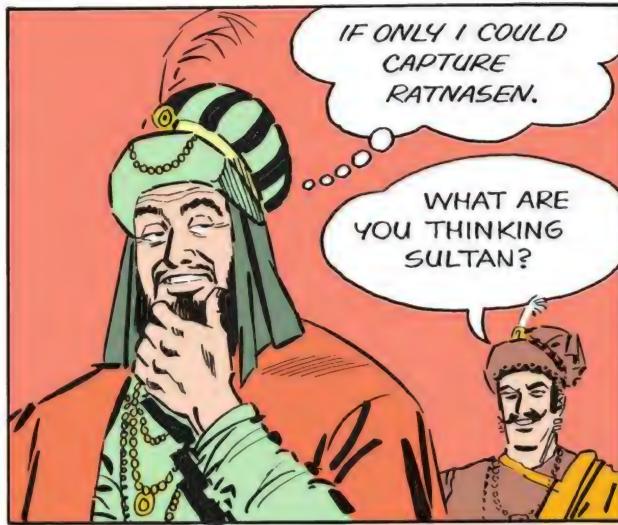
AS YOU WISH MAHARAJ!

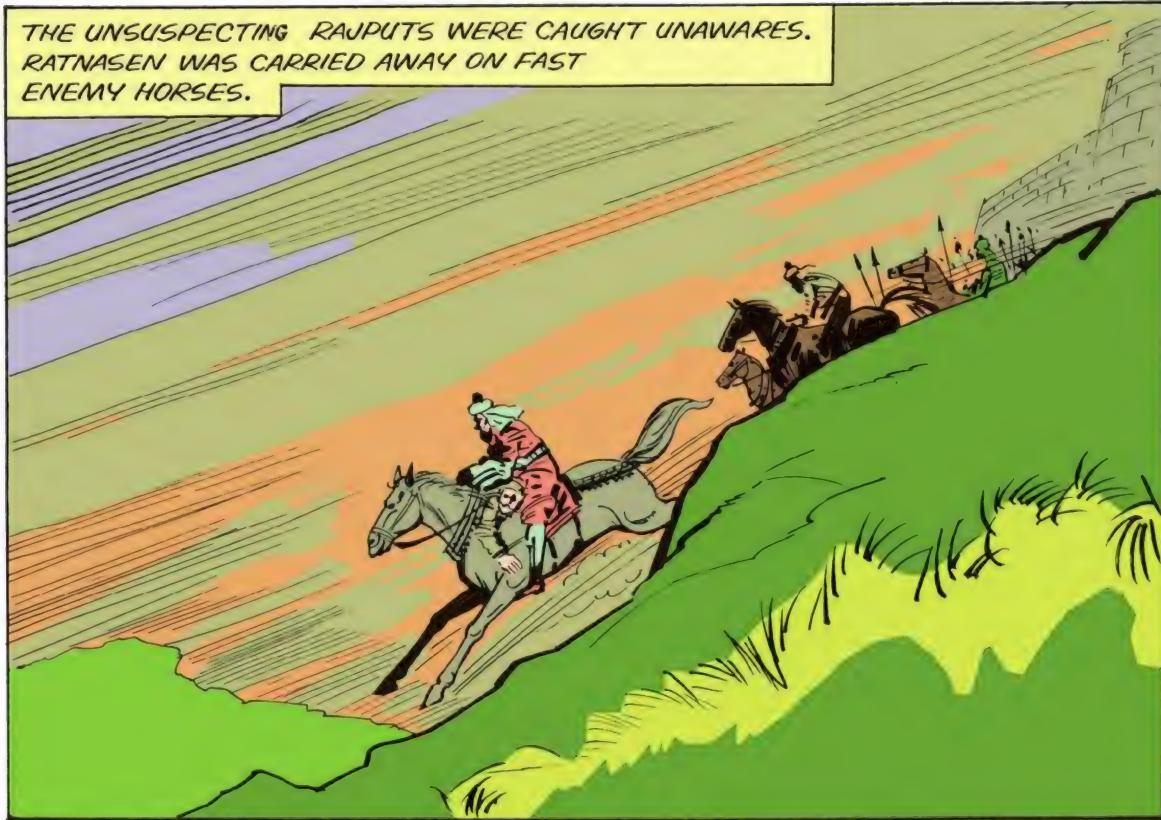
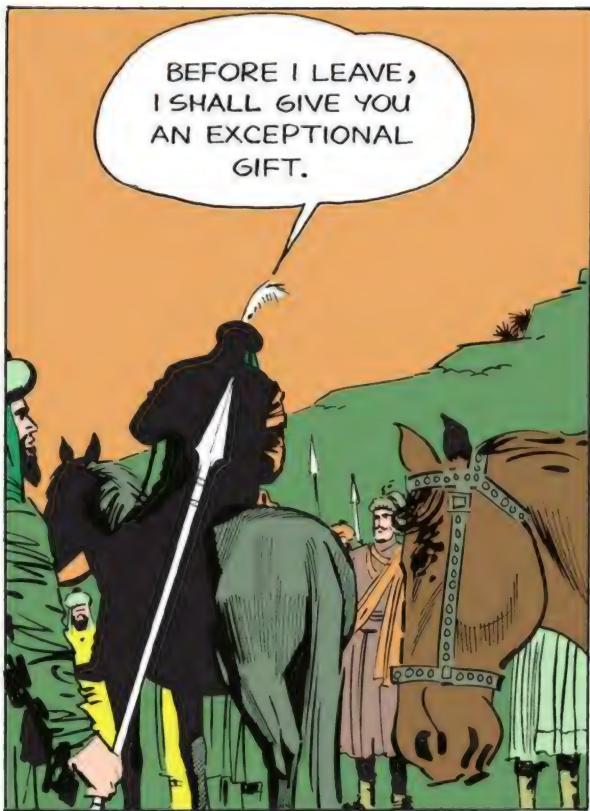
WHEN PADMINI DID NOT COME, RATNASEN HIMSELF WENT TO CALL HER.

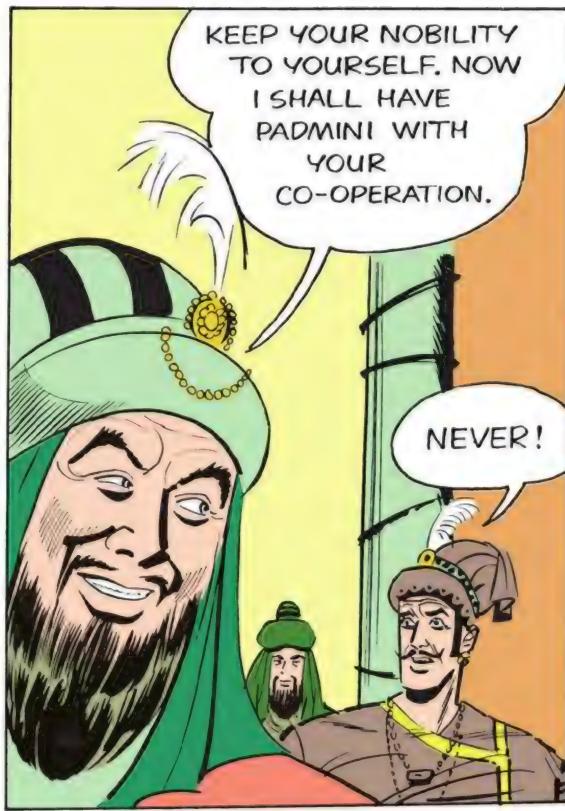
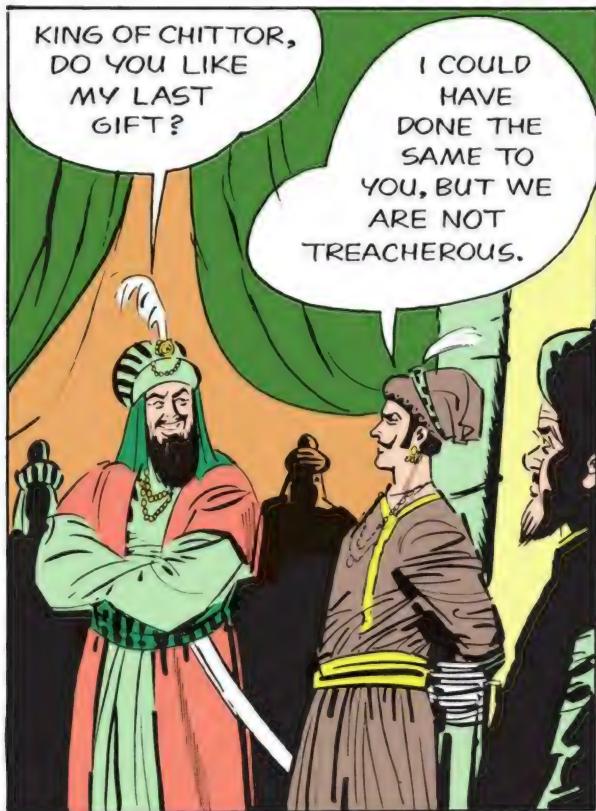
NO, I WILL NOT SHOW HIM MY FACE, HE IS AN EVIL MAN.

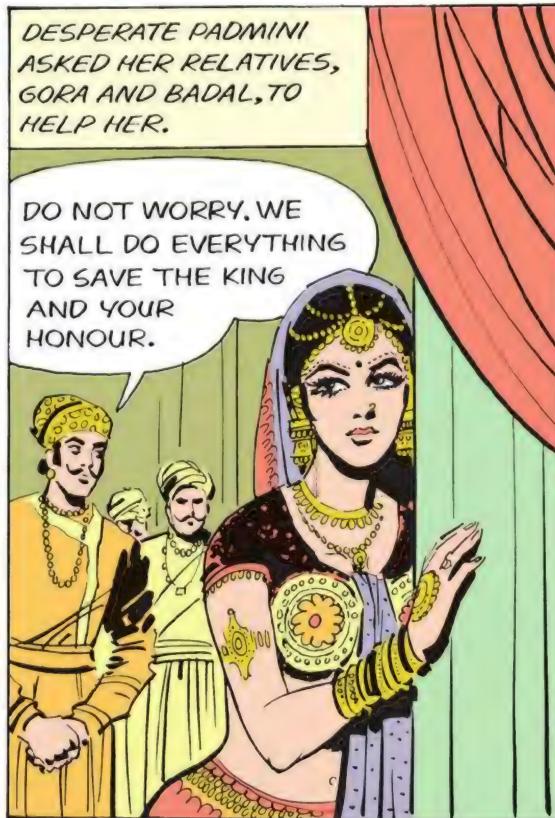
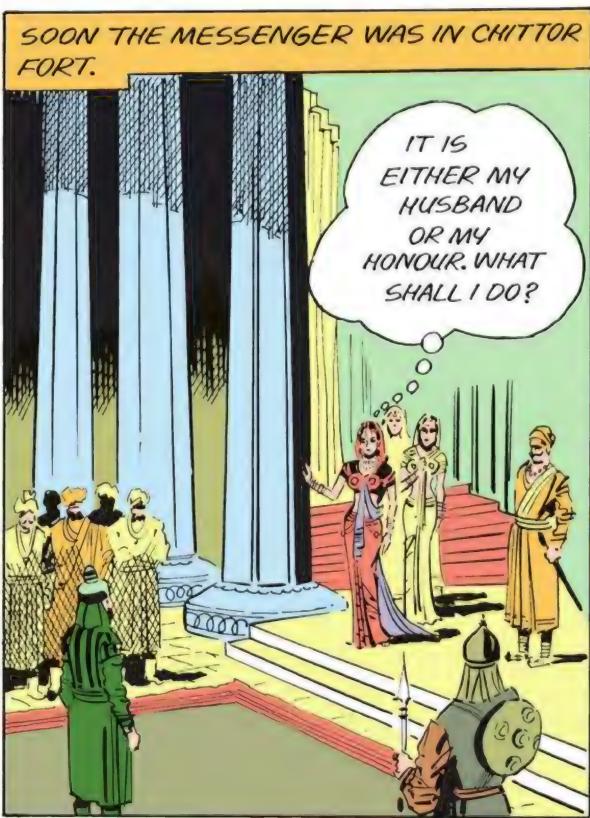


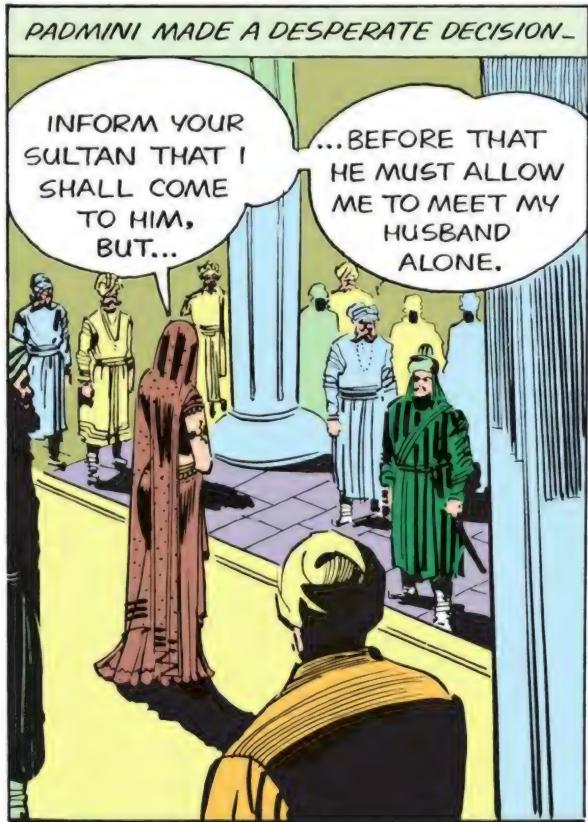
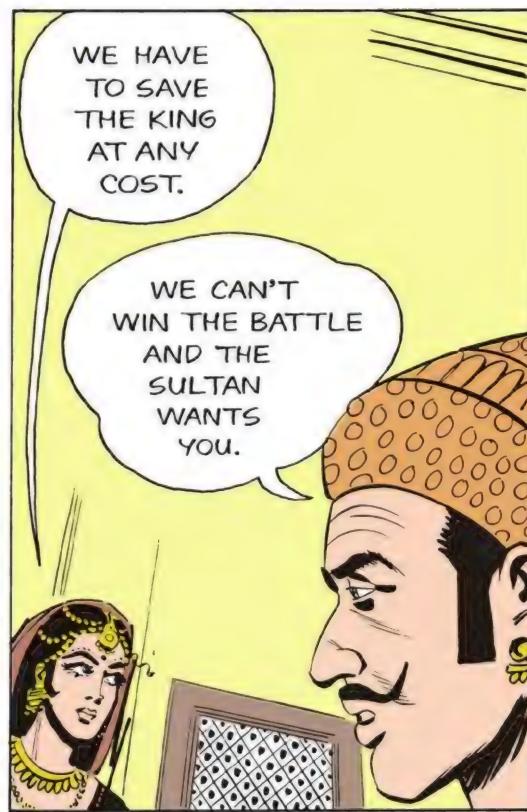
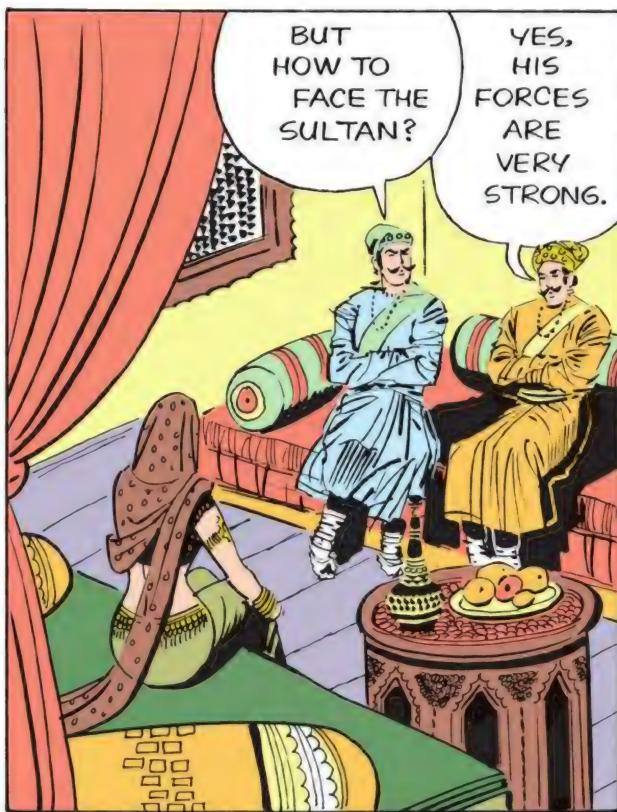








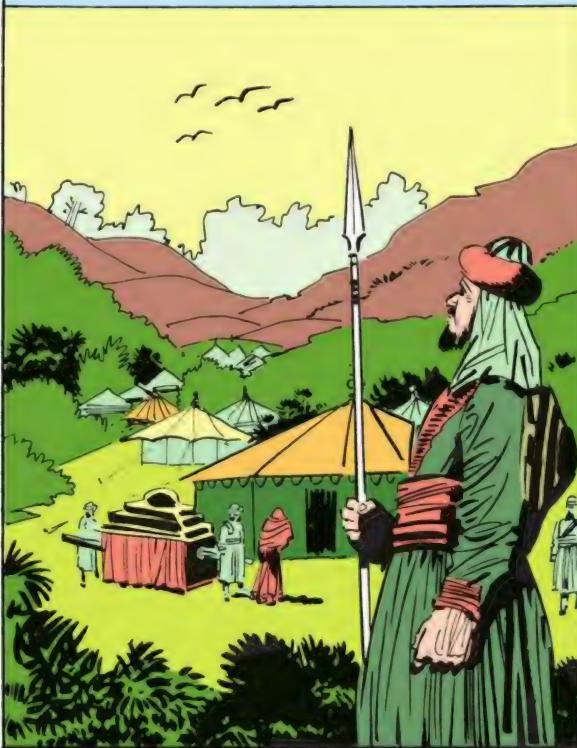




PADMINI HAD FIVE HUNDRED MAIDS. NEXT MORNING FIVE HUNDRED PALANQUINS LEFT THE FORT.

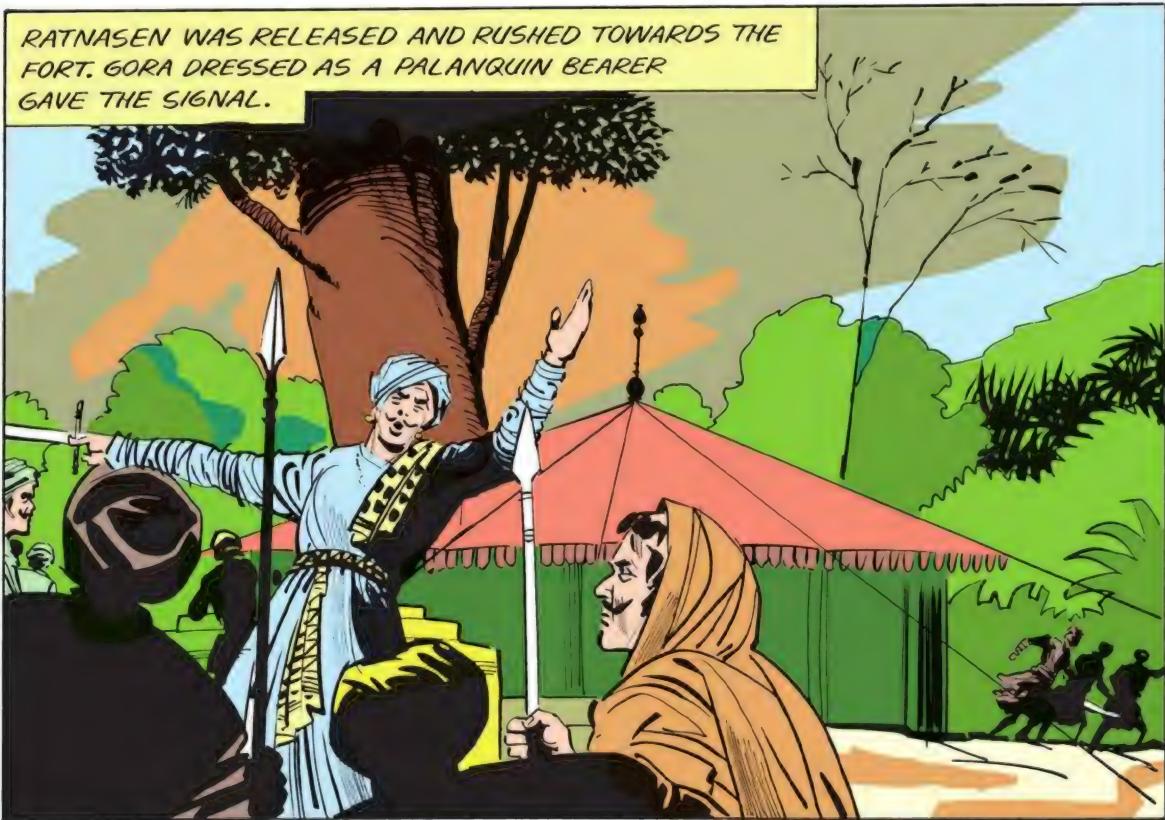


PADMINI'S PALANQUIN WAS CARRIED TO PRISONER RATNASEN'S TENT.

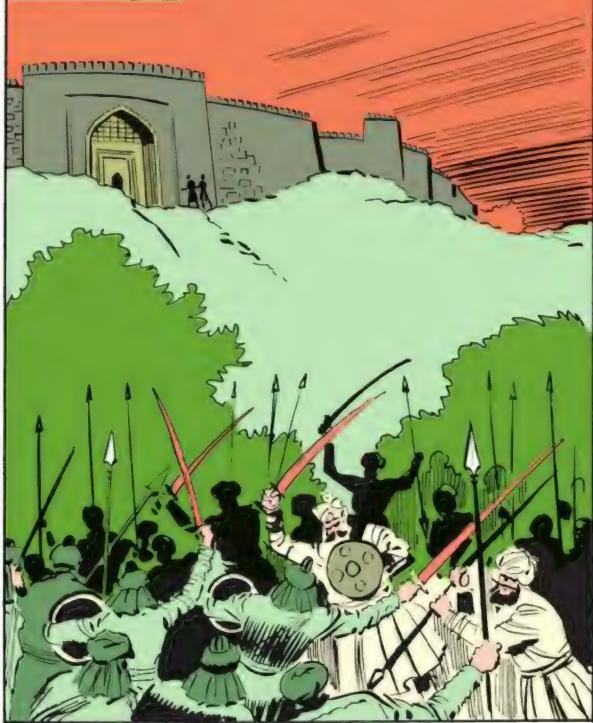


KING RATNASEN WAS VERY UPSET.

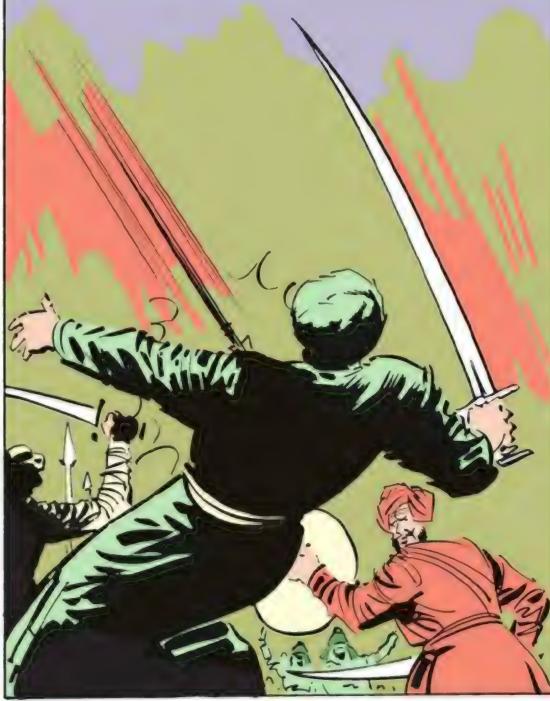




RATNASEN REACHED THE FORT SAFELY.

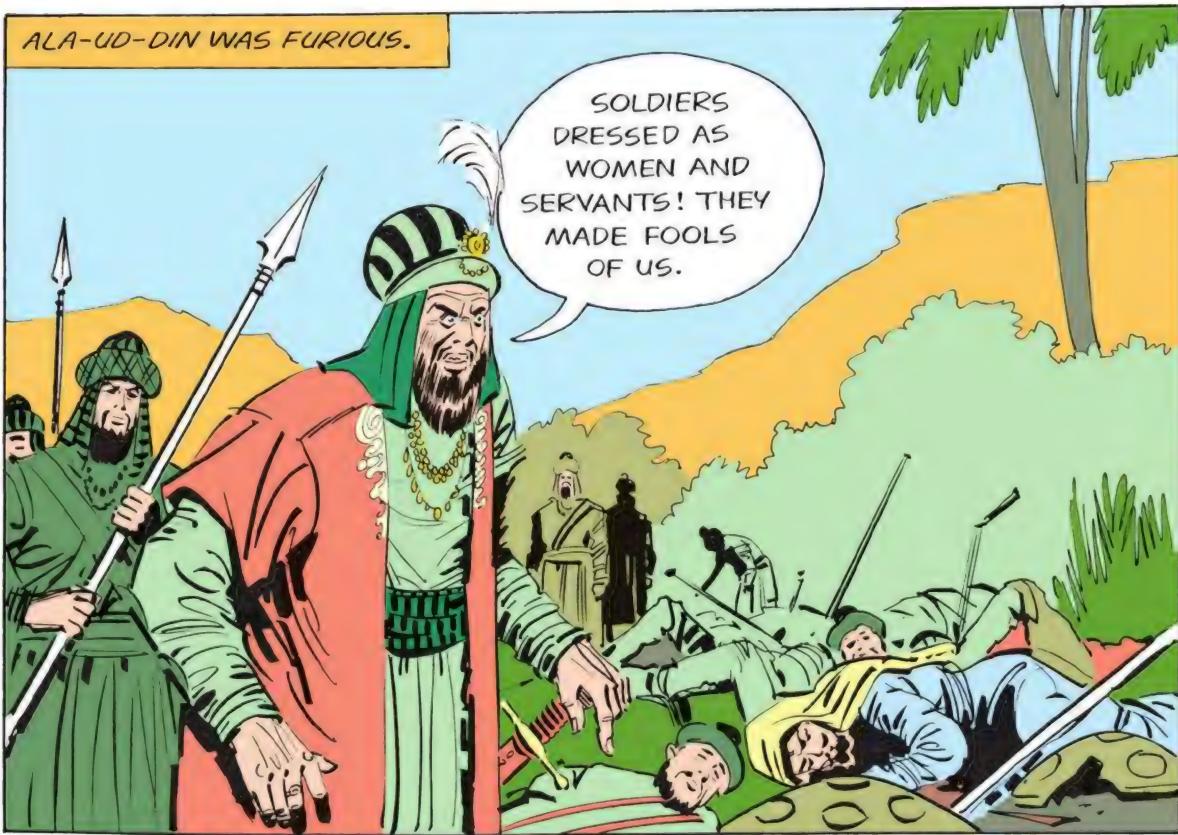


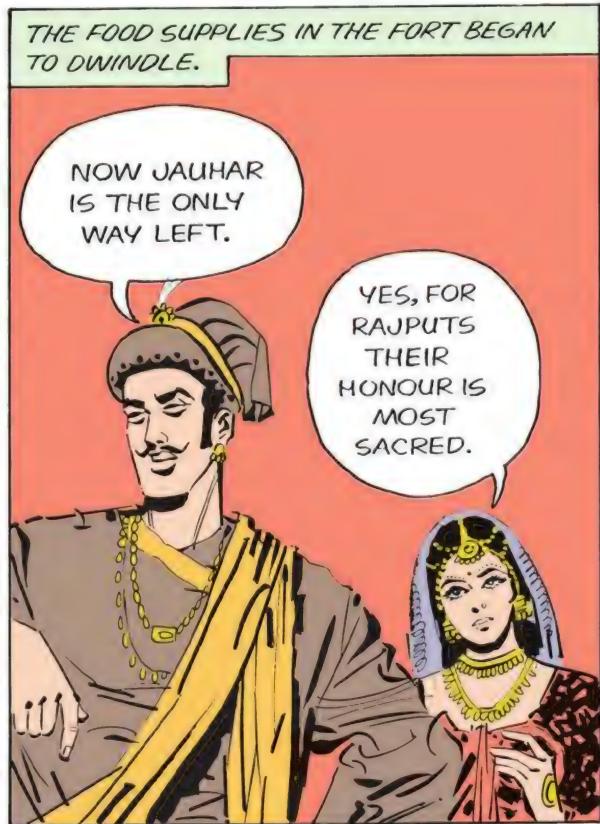
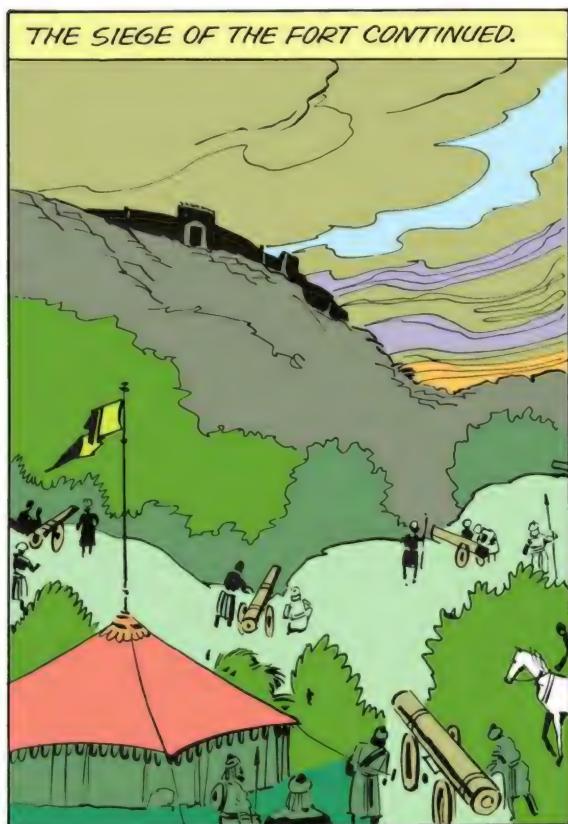
BUT GORA WAS KILLED IN THE BATTLE.



ALA-UD-DIN WAS FURIOUS.

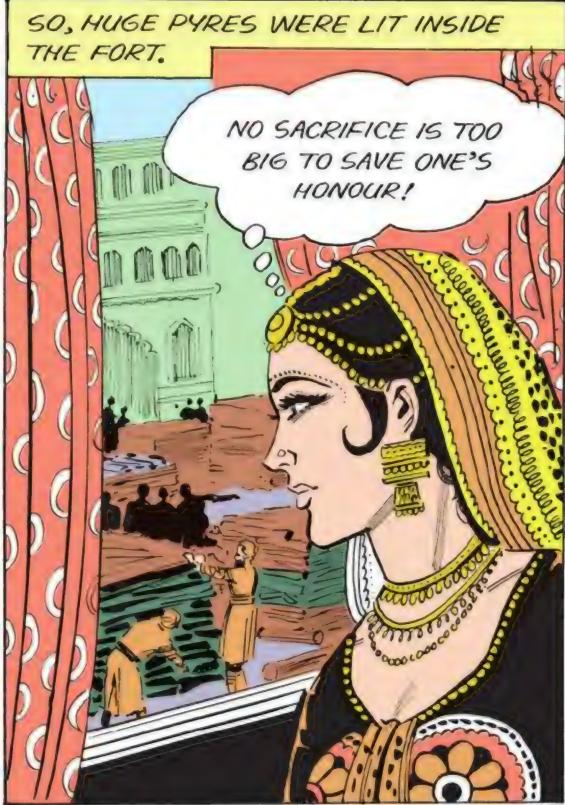
SOLDIERS DRESSED AS WOMEN AND SERVANTS! THEY MADE FOOLS OF US.





SO, HUGE PYRES WERE LIT INSIDE THE FORT.

NO SACRIFICE IS TOO BIG TO SAVE ONE'S HONOUR!

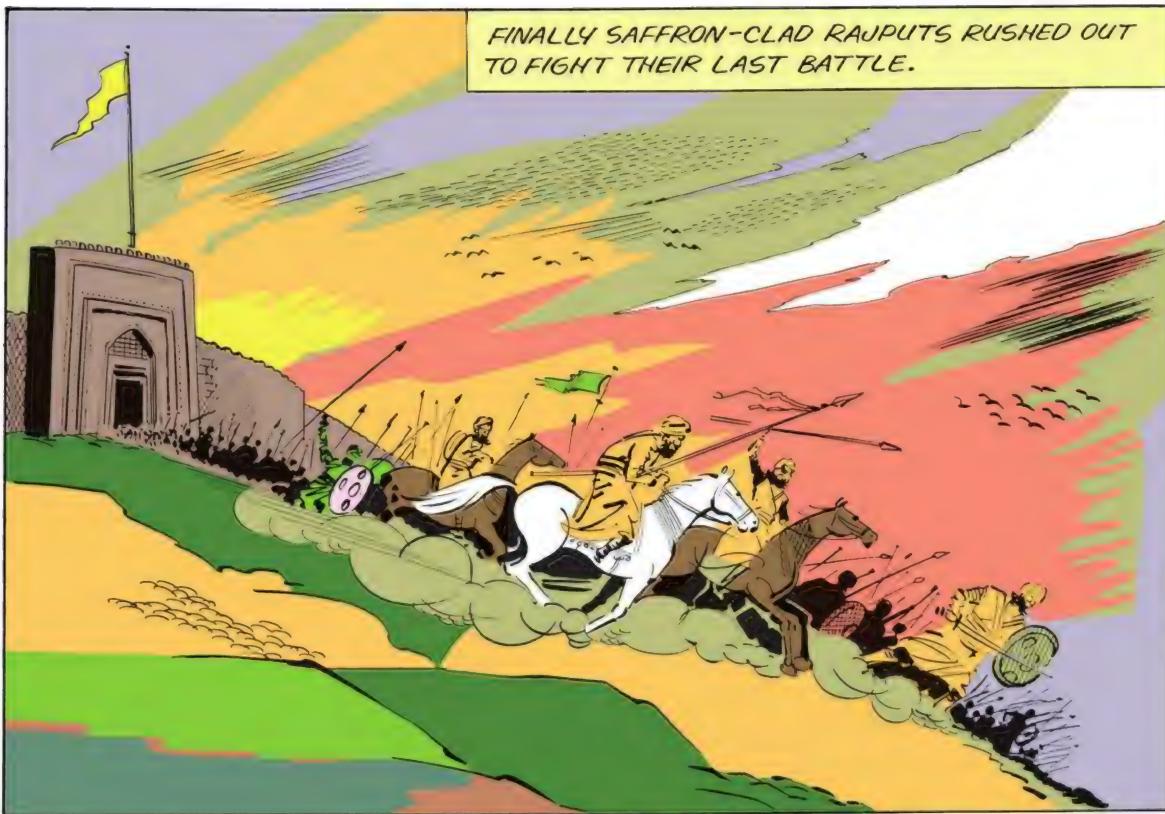


SO, PADMINI LED THE RAJPUT LADIES TO JAUHAR, THE GREAT SACRIFICE BY SELF-IMMOLATION.



THE RAJPUT WOMEN PREFERRED DEATH TO DISHONOUR.





THE SMALL BAND OF RAJPUTS WAS NO MATCH TO THE HUGE ENEMY ARMY. SOON THE BATTLE WAS OVER.

WHY DIDN'T THEY SURRENDER. AGAINST MY ARMY? IT WAS SURE DEATH FOR THEM.

BUT WHAT A GLORIOUS DEATH!

FINALLY ALA-UD-DIN ENTERED THE FORT WITH HIS VICTORIOUS ARMY, TO BE GREETED BY THE SMoulderNG ASHES OF DEATH.



## WHICH OF THE ACKs HAVE YOU STILL NOT READ?

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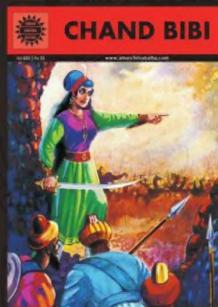
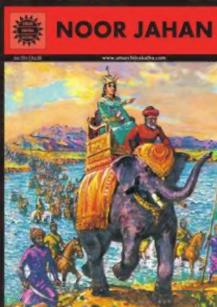
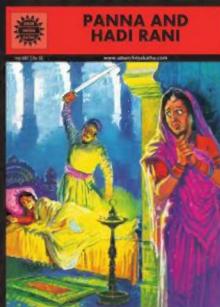
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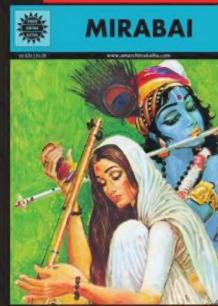
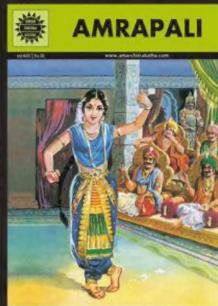
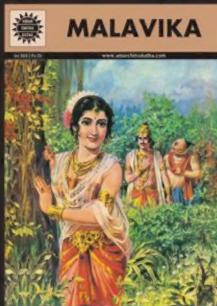
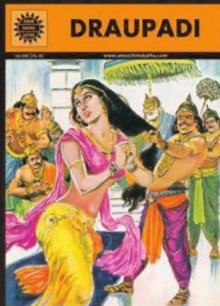
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